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November 18, 2015

Auto Owners Insurance Company 800 S. Gay St., Ste. 2021, % C T Corp. Knoxville, TN 37929-9710 NAIC # 18988

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Re: Martin Walter, Et Al V. Auto Owners Insurance Company

Docket # 2-576-15

To Whom It May Concern:

Pursuant to Tennessee Code Annotated § 56-2-504 or § 56-2-506, the Department of Commerce and Insurance was served November 17, 2015, on your behalf in connection with the above-styled proceeding. Documentation relating to the subject is herein enclosed.

Jerald E. Gilbert Designated Agent Service of Process

**Enclosures** 

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Knox County
400 Main Avenue, Rm M-30 C/C Bldg
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# IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

MARTIN WALTER, ELIZABETH WALTER, \* FILED

GARY WICHROWSKI, JAN WICHROWSKI, \* Complaint for Damages and d/b/a B & G PROPERTIES,

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Plaintiffs,

V.

CATHERINE F. QUIST CIRCUIT COURT CLERK \* No. 2-576-15

AUTO OWNERS MUTUAL INS. CO. and CHARLES WOODS,

Defendants.

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- 4. Defendant Charles Woods is a natural person and citizen and resident of the State of Tennessee, with his last known address as 1700 West Brush Valley Rd., Knoxville, TN 37849.
- 5. The transaction and/or occurrence out of which this cause of action arises transpired in Knox County, Tennessee, and, therefore, both jurisdiction and venue in this cause are proper in this Honorable Court.
- 6. Prior to June 1, 2011, Defendant Auto Owners issued a policy of insurance to the Plaintiffs protecting the insured premises and its contents from the perils listed therein. The policy was identified as Policy No. 004619-03323506-11. The policy also provided coverage for certain damages incurred after the loss.
- 7. On or about June 1, 2011, a fire and explosion occurred at the insured premises causing damage thereto and the contents therein. Said damage was of the type identified and covered under the policy mentioned above. Plaintiffs also sustained various post loss damages covered under the policy.
- 8. Upon information and belief, the fire and resulting explosion were caused by Defendant Charles Woods, who through his actions, be they negligent or otherwise, caused the conflagration and explosion which resulted in the Plaintiffs' damages.

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Plaintiffs aver that the actions of Auto Owners set forth herein above 11.

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of their contractual damages and pre-judgment interest and costs.

12. Plaintiffs aver that their loss to the insured premises was the proximate

result of the actions of Charles Woods, and were caused by him both directly and

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Wherefore, Plaintiffs pray unto the Court for relief in the form of monetary

damages not to exceed \$ 300,000.00, from the Defendants, and each of them along

with the pre-judgment interest herein accrued and their costs. A jury of twelve

persons is demanded to try the issues joined.

Respectfully submitted this 6th day of November, 2015.

Attorney for Plaintiffs

Of Counsel: Law Office of Drew McElrov 1348 Dowell Springs Blvd. Knoxville, TN 37909

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Martin Walter and Elizabeth Walter, Gary Wichrowski and Wichrowski, d/b/a B & G Properties as Principals and Louis Andrew McElroy II as Surety, are firmly bound under the Clerk for the Circuit Court for Knox County, Tennessee for the payment of all costs awarded against the Principals. To that end, we bind ourselves, our heirs, executors, and administrators.

The Principals are commencing an Action in this Court. If the Principals shall pay all costs which are adjudged against them, then this obligation is void. If the Principals fail to pay, then the Surety shall undertake to pay all costs adjudged against the Principals. So bound under T.C.A. § 20-12-120 et. seq.

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# **Cost Bond**

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